

WICKLEWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held via Zoom video conferencing as allowed by the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus)(Flexibility of local authority and police & crime panel meetings)(England & Wales) Regulations 2020 on **Monday 3rd August 2020 at 7.45pm**

Present: John Seville (JS) Chair, Nick Kemp (NK) Vice Chair, Joel Pailes (JP), Richard Goodings (RG), Louise Downton (LD)

In attendance: Margaret Dewsbury (MD), Richard Elliot (RE) District Councillor, Helen Frayer (HF) Parish Clerk

393. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Alan Gooding and John Hipperson. The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

394. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

RG declared an interest on agenda items 11.3 and 12.

PUBLIC FORUM

395. MD said that things were currently quiet and they were working on the budget. They are also working on extensions to schools prior to re-opening. Some more libraries in the county had also been re-opened.

396. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6th JULY AND THE EMERGENCY MEETING ON 23RD JULY 2020

Resolved: to agree and sign both sets of minutes as correct. Proposed LD seconded NK all agreed.

397. UPDATE FROM CLERK ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

All actions are on the agenda

398. CORRESPONDENCE:

An email from resident is on the agenda

399. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Salaries	Clerk & Booking Clerk	336.05
HMRC	Month 4	52.80
E Fire	Extinguisher service	122.40
MPN Services	Repair manhole cover, post & gullies	360.00
AF Affinity	Heating oil (Direct Debit)	404.78
SNC	Premises Licence (Direct Debit)	180.00
Tim Carver	Verge cutting	120.00
Dream Team	Cleaning village hall	144.00
	TOTAL	£1,720.03

Note: Direct Debits will now be shown in this report to enable visibility of utilities etc.

Resolved: That all accounts as presented be paid. **Proposed NK, seconded JP, all agreed**

400. MONTHLY RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS REPORT

	Current	Premium	Hampshire Bank	Total
Balance b/f from 28.6.20	12,308.10	5,159.77	5,000.00	22,467.87
Total receipts to 27.7.20	25.00	0.00	87.26	112.26
	12,333.10	5,159.77	5,087.26	22,580.13
Total payments to 27.7.20	-1,048.92	0.00	0.00	-1,048.92
	11,284.18	5,159.77	5,087.26	21,531.21
Inter Account Transfers	-2,252.97	7,340.23	-5,087.26	
Closing Balance	9,031.21	12,500.00	0.00	21,531.21

HF reported that The Hampshire Fixed Term Account has matured and the £5,000 plus £87.26 interest paid into Barclays account. A further sum has been transferred from Current account to Premium account to be reserved for footpath. It is hoped that this can be left untouched for the footpath, however it is an emergency reserve if it should be needed were there to be a second wave and further lockdown.

Update re financial situation:

- 401. Now the hall has reopened and with the further lifting of restrictions allowing dance classes, Donna is back to full working hours. No news yet on when the other regular users will recommence
- 402. The fish and chip van and coffee cart that have been selling from the car park are now paying a pitch fee £40 per session. The coffee cart pays 10% of takings.

403. HIGHWAYS

Report from Highways Officer: JP reported that Highways have done further work on potholes in the area and the roads currently appear to be in reasonable condition. The speed camera has been moved further up the High Street. LD asked why Church Lane wasn't one of its approved sites. JP said that location hadn't originally been requested. He will try and identify a suitable pole for its use and seek permission from Highways to add it to the list of approved sites

404. **PLANNING**

New application received after agenda published had been dealt with by email exchange: 2020/1138 114 High Street, replacement of oil tank. The council had no views or comments

VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS

- 405. Village Hall roof:** JS explained that although the removal of the existing metal roof sheeting had been included in the quote, we had the option of making other arrangements. A local farmer had made an offer to take it away to reuse in return for a donation to the parish council. It may then be possible to ask the roofing company to reduce their quote as they wouldn't have to pay for a skip to do this work. **NK proposed to accept this offer, JP seconded, all agreed.** The roof work is due to start on 10th August.
- 406.** A second quote for plastering had been received from a local company. Much cheaper than the other quote. Will get a third quote and bring to the September meeting for agreement. JS asked anyone who could recommend a company to let him know.
- 407.** The chip van has asked if he can plug his fridge into the hall supply. JS said he will have to comply with H&S regulations. NK proposed to agree, LD seconded, all agreed
- 408.** The Bowls Club had asked for their request for a combined village hall/bowls club sign on the driveway with a shared cost to be considered. As this has not been budgeted for, and there is nothing wrong with the existing sign, it was not considered appropriate to pay for this as the council's finances are strained. **JP proposed to reject request, JS seconded, all agreed.** The Bowls Club can erect a separate sign as previously approved.
- 409.** NK reported that all the playing equipment is fine and being used a lot more now. The old toilet block has been broken into again and the has has been pulled out of the wall. Need to keep it secure in case the water supply is damaged JS and RG will repair.
- 410.** There has been a lot more litter left on the playing field lately. Alan Coombe has been regularly collecting this for which he is thanked. JP suggested moving one of the bins nearer the table tennis table. Will look to do that later in the year when the ground is softer.
- 411.** A local resident who lives by the playing field had complained about the noise and offensive language used by some of the people using the playing field. She had reported what appeared to be organised football training taking place and asked if the parish council had authorised that. She also expressed concern that the cars would impede the hall users and chip van and they were speeding down the High Street as they left. Councillors had attended the playing field on some evenings and spoken to the people using it and asked them to moderate their noise and language. No problems were seen. The council is pleased that the playing field is being well used and that people are interested in doing football training. No action to be taken. Clerk to respond to resident

412. SHARED FACILITIES WITH BOWLS CLUB

As mentioned at the previous meeting, there does not appear to be any formal agreement with the Bowls Club re responsibilities for shared facilities. This includes paying towards utilities used, maintenance costs of shared facilities and clarifying responsibilities including H&S concerns at the shared electrical supply. The Clerk would like a formal agreement between both parties to bring clarity to the situation going forward rather than the partial informal agreement that exists at present. RG suggested it would be best to meet with Alan Shildrake, the Vice Chair and Mike Gamble, Treasurer. **HF will contact to arrange a meeting with her and JS.** There is also a situation arisen where it has been identified that for many years, the water rates that the bowls club has been paid has actually be based on gallons rather than litres, which means they have been underpaying by a considerable amount. This needs to be addressed. It would also be beneficial if the current, very outdated meter were to be replaced with one recording litres to align with the main water supply meter and bring the water connection at the bowls club into line with current water regulations requirements as it doesn't appear to have a non-return valve. This can also be addressed at the meeting.

413. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: JP reported that The Cherry Tree pub is taking part in the Eat Out to Help Out scheme. JP also asked when the parish council would meet in person again. HF said the current legislation enabled Zoom meetings until May 2021 and if the council were to meet in person it would require a lot of work and cleaning to meet the requirements. JS will speak to JH to see if there is any way he can join in Zoom

414. DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting will be 7th September via Zoom. Items for the agenda to be sent to the clerk by 28th August.